

PERFORATED POSTAL STATIONERY Information from David Scott.

David is one of our members who is researching the Sloper ledgers which the Society purchased when the company at West Hampstead closed.

He has come across an original letter from Joseph Sloper to his brother Horace in the "Works", asking him to make a die MB/&C° for perforating through the embossed stamps on envelopes. The ledger is the Order and Impression Book and unfortunately the letter is very dark and stained and stuck down on a buff page.

The date is quite early - April 5th 1869 - and the address is Walbrook House, Walbrook, London E.C. The text reads:-

Office for Sponsoring Patents

Walbrook House, Walbrook, E.C. 4

London April 5th 1869

Dear Horace,

Please put in hand a
be-like copy to the design below, exactly.
it is for an envelope stamp -
I have drawn it exactly as it will come on the stamp
71 wire

Allow sufficient
space between the
matrix & clearing
plate to take 3 of
the thick envelopes

Yours truly
J. P. Walker

Showing the way of the design
showing it is to read -



Groove out
under the steel
to allow drilling

"Dear Horace, Please put in hand a Die like "CORY" to the design below, exactly, it is for initialling M.B.S C^o's envelope stamps - I have drawn it exactly as it will come on the stamp. 7"Wire Allow sufficient space between the matrix & clearing plate to take 3 or 4 thickish envelopes. Yours J.L.(?)Sloper."

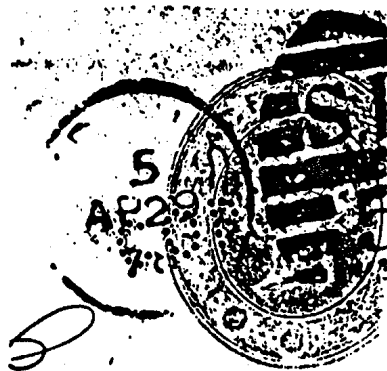
In the centre of the envelope is "Envelope showing the way of the stamps & how it is to read-"

David asks some pertinent questions:-

- 1) How soon after this would the machine be made?
- 2) When was it put into use?
- 3) For whom was it made?
- 4) Has anyone got this die (M0520.06) on a P.S. Envelope?
- 5) What does the "Die like CORY" mean?

If anyone has any relevant information please send to myself as Editor, and it will be added to the appropriate Society files.

Looking through my own filing system, I have pulled out a CORY postal stationery item. The date is 29/4/78 but on checking with the Edwards catalogue, the die CORY on my cover is a new one, being 8,10,11,8 4mm high and 17mm wide.



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